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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ORANGE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2004**



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COLLECTION

John Southern '70 "A Kitchen Table" William Fulton '77

MICHAEL FORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

David Frazee, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

TAX AGENT: ROBERT WILSON

COLLECTOR: AGENT: NANCY

Shawn Frazee, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: George White

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Charles Sosa

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: Robert Frazee

staircase

**Cover: Egg Tempera by
Donald B. Johnson
from the collection of Gary Hamel**

PLANNING TEAM

Robert Frazee, Chairman of the Board

Katherine Hill, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

William Fulton, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BOARD OF APPOINTMENT

Donald Frazee, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Richard Frazee, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

CC: Barbara Frazee, 401-282-0010

CHURCH STAFF COMMITTEE

George White '77 "People Matter" 55 "Asia White" '77

FOLEY FRAZEE WARDEN: Lynn Stevens, Lucy Frazee

DEAN OF WORSHIP: David Frazee '77 '78 and his wife

ADVISOR: Lynn Frazee, Catherine Frazee, Lynn Frazee, and her

husband, David Frazee, Doug and Georgia Frazee, and

BRIDGET CONNOLLY

Karen Frazee '77 "The Connolly's" 55 "Lyell Smith" '77

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

2004

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SELECTMEN

Scott Sanborn '05 * Charles Sova'06 * William Fulton'07

MODERATOR TOWN CLERK TREASURER

Daniel Hazelton'06 Carol Decato Linda Giner

TAX DEEDING ROAD

COLLECTOR AGENT AGENT

Sharon Proulx Sharon Proulx George White

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE Selectmen

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Edith Sova' 05 * Louis Shelzi'06 * Alice Smith 07

CEMETERY HEALTH POLICE

AGENT OFFICER CHIEF

Edwin Saulen Donald Pfaefflin Andrew Ware

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Proulx, Chairman * Robert Ells, Vice Chairman

Katharine Riley * Scott Sanborn * George Smith * Lyell Smith

William Fulton , Selectmens' Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin, Chairman * Judith Connelly * Beverly Ells

Richard Jaeger * Charles Sova, Selectmen's Representative

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Smith ' 06 * Beverly Ells' 10

CEMETERY COMMISSION

George White '05 * Patricia Mercer' 06 * Anita Watson' 07

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Brent Stevens, Larry Belloir

DEPUTY WARDENS Daniel Hazelton

AUDITORS Bruce Ells, Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Proulx'05 * Tim Connelly'06 * Lyell Smith'07

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE
TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005, at eleven o'clock a.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. unless the Meeting votes to extend the time.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Town Clerk for one year, 1 Town Treasurer for one year, 1 Cemetery Agent for one year, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent for one year, 1 Tax Collector for one year, 1 Health Officer for one year, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for two years, 1 Deeding Agent for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and any other officers required by law.

The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for said purpose.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$29,416.26 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 7.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Resident Tax. (By petition)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a position of Recreation Director, to benefit the Town, naming Gary Hamel as director and to fund said position with an annual salary of \$600.00. (By petition)

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a noise control ordinance, pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(n), as follows:

TOWN OF ORANGE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Section 1 Prohibition. Noise is considered objectionable and is prohibited if, either on public property including highways, or at the property line of the property where the noise is generated:

(a) The maximum A-weighted noise level exceeds 65 decibels between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. or 55 decibels between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.; or

(b) Noise is produced which contains one or more audible tonal components not masked by the ambient sound; or

(c) The A-weighted noise level produced by a noise source exceeds the residual ambient sound level that exists without the noise source operating, by 15 decibels between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., or by 10 decibels between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Section 2 Measurement: Violations under this ordinance shall be subject to verification using a sound meter meeting the standards of the American Standards Institute (ANSI S1.4-1983 American Standard Specification for General Purpose Sound Level Meters). The instrument shall be set to the A-weighted response scale and the meter to the slow response. Measurements shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI S 12.31 and S 12.32 American Standard Meter for the Physical Measurement of Sound.

Section 3 Exemptions: This restriction shall not apply to:

- (a) Motor vehicles operated on public highways, aircraft, or emergency vehicles or signals;
- (b) Residential, farm or forestry equipment such as power tools, tractors, mowers, skidders, and saws;
- (c) Church bells; or
- (d) Construction sites.

Section 4 Penalty: Any person who violates this ordinance, or who permits activities in violation of this ordinance upon land owned by such person, shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be fined \$275.00 for the first offense, and \$550.00 for any subsequent offense; each day of violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Planning Board to review and approve or disapprove site plans for the development or change or expansion of use of tracts for non-residential uses or multi-family units which are defined as any structure containing more than two dwelling units, whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,632.44 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 14: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

ARTICLE 15: Polls shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE.

William Fulton

Scott Sanborn

Charles E. Sova

**ORANGE TOWN BUDGET
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

	Approp 2004	Expend 2004	Approp 2005
General Government			
Officers Salaries	\$9,200	\$9,381	\$9,400.00
Elections & Registration	2,000	839	400.00
Abatements	200	0	00.00
Property Reappraisal	27,600	4,911	22,700.00
Legal Expenses	5,000	2,000	5,000.00
FICA Payments	2,100	2,422	2,500.00
Planning and Zoning	1,500	1,693	3,000.00
General Gov't Bldng.	4,000	3,773	4,000.00
Cemeteries	1,800	2,356	2,200.00
Insurance	3,300	3,556	3,600.00
Membership	800	826	900.00
Officers Expenses	3,000	2,286	3,000.00
Public Safety			
Police Department	15,000	9,463	15,000.00
FAST Squad (Canaan)	3,500	3,500	3,600.00
Fire Department	12,500	25	13,500.00
Building Inspection	1,200	1,062	1,200.00
Emergency Mgmt. E911	100	0	100.00
Highway & Streets			
Highway	75,000	73,845	75,000.00
Sanitation			
Garbage Removal	19,000	18,500	22,000.00
Health			
Grafton County Senior Citizens &			
Mascoma Home Health	2,000	2,329	2,400.00

	Approp 2004	Expend 2004	Approp 2005
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500.00	.00	1,500.00
Culture and Recreation			
Library	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Other	350.00	175.00	350.00
Conservation			
Timber Harvest Monitor	00	00	400.00
Debt Service			
Road Bond	22,329.94	22,329.94	23,576.43
Road Bond Interest	2,052.50	2,052.50	806.01
Truck Loan	265.00	263.00	.00
Capital Outlay			
Town House	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,270.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Subtotals	219,797.44	171,855.44	224,632.44
Special Warrant Articles			
Reappraisal Fund	7,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00
Town House Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Highway Equip. Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Document Pres. Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Canaan Library	4,000.00	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotals			\$14,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 2004	Actual 2004	Estimate 2005
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	0	3,000.00	0
Resident Taxes	1,900.00	1,970.00	2,000.00
Yield taxes	5,000.00	3,746.54	3,500.00
 Int. & Pen. on			
Delinquent taxes	1,800.00	10,500.73	1,800.00
Inventory Penalties	100.00	300.00	100.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Motor vehicle			
permit fees	41,000.00	41,126.00	41,000.00
Building Permits	200.00	235.00	200.00
Other licenses, permits & fees	400.00	663.37	500.00
 From Federal Government	0	2,394.19	0
 From State			
Shared Revenue	2,800.00	2,802.00	2,800.00
Rooms & Meals			
Tax Dist.	8,500.00	9,979.49	9,000.00
Highway Block			
Grant	27,084.63	27,084.63	29,416.26
State & Fed. Forest			
Land Reimb	7,000.00	8,898.60	8,000.00
 Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	00	0	0
Interest on			
investments	1,000.00	588.63	500.00
Other (Municipal Fees)	500.00	640.00	600.00

Operating Transfers			
From Capital			
Reserve	27,500.00	00	22,700.00
Total Revenue &			
Credits	\$124,784.63	\$113,929.18	\$122,116.26

SUMMARY OF VALUATION
As of December 31, 2004

Land	10,793,272
Buildings-Residential	11,077,492
Public Utilities	<u>374,122</u>
	\$22,244,886

Treasurer's Report Year 2004

Starting Cash 1/1/2004	\$256,694.25
Receipts from Selectmen:	

Licenses/permits/fees

Driveway Permits	\$ 60.00
Current Use Application	\$ 32.00
Pistol Permits	\$ 80.00
Subdivision Plan	\$ 60.68
Building Permits	\$ 235.00
Recording Fees	\$ 16.37
Copies	\$ 35.00

Other Income

Burial Plots	\$ 300.00
Timber Bond	\$1,000.00
Reimbursement Johnson & Dix	\$ 505.15
Reimbursement Tax Error	\$ 5.00
FEMA	\$2,394.19

State of New Hampshire

Rooms & Meals Tax Reimb	\$ 9,979.49
Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$ 2,802.00
Highway Block Grant	\$27,084.63
State & Federal Forest Reimb	\$ 8,898.60
Fire Training	\$ 76.80

TOTAL FROM SELECTMEN: **\$53,564.88**

Receipts from Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$41,126.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	156.00
Dog Licenses Issued	376.00
Dog License Late Fees	31.00
Municipal Fees	640.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Marriage Licenses	90.00
Checklist Copies	12.00
Wetland Mailings	15.57

TOTAL FROM TOWN CLERK **\$42,456.57**

Receipts from Tax Collector:

2004 Property Tax	\$379,896.44
2004 Property Tax Overpayment	693.99
2003 Property Tax	35,721.09
2003 Property Tax Interest	2,041.74
2003 Costs	276.50
2004 Resident Tax	1,840.00
2004 Resident Tax Penalty	8.00
2003 Resident Tax	120.00
2003 Resident Tax Penalty	12.00
2002 Resident Tax	10.00
2002 Resident Tax Penalty	1.00
2004 Yield Tax	3,746.54
2003 Yield Tax	2,264.89
2003 Yield Tax Interest	254.66
Current Use Change Tax	3,000.00

Sub Total: **\$429,886.85**

2001 Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 15,198.71
Interests and Costs	\$ 5,914.79
2002 Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 12,618.82
Interests and Costs	\$ 2,246.70

TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR **\$465,865.87**

Receipts from Bank:

Mascoma Savings Bank	
Interest Money Market	\$ 567.92
Interest Maximizer (road acct)	\$ 9.76
Interest Checking Account	\$ 10.95
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 190,500.00
*** Service Charge MMA	(5.00)
Totals From Bank	\$191,083.63

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS \$752,970.95

FUNDS DISBURSED:

Vouchers paid per order of Selectmen	\$656,846.97
Principal owed Tax Anticipation Note	\$190,500.00
Interest Tax anticipation Note	\$ 1,153.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$848,500.31

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2004 \$161,164.89

BORROWED FUNDS 2004

Tax Anticipation Note	\$200,000.00
Principal Amount Borrowed	190,500.00

ROAD MAINTAINANCE NOTE

Balance 12/31/2004	\$23,473.21
Interest Paid in 2004	1,850.30

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LINDA J. GINER, TREASURER**

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes-	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Beg. of Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 35,721.09		0.00
Resident Taxes	220.00		10.00
Yield Tax	2,264.89		0.00
Taxes Committed-			
This Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 425,865.84	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	2,010.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	3,746.54	0.00	0.00
Resident Tax Additions	20.00		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	693.99	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs	276.50	0.00	0.00
-Property Tax-			
Interest-Late Tax	2,296.40	0.00	0.00
Property and Yield			
Resident Tax Penalty	8.00	12.00	1.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$435,344.37	\$40,790.88	\$11.00

CREDITS:

Remitted to Treasurer	2004	2003	2002
Property Taxes	379,896.44	35,721.09	0.00
Resident Taxes	1,840.00	120.00	10.00
Yield Taxes	3,746.54	2,264.89	0.00
Interest - Property & Yield Tax	0.00	2,296.40	1.00
Penalties – Resident Tax & Costs	8.00	288.50	0.00
Property Tax Overpayment	693.99	0.00	0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$11,363.70	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	100.00	80.00	0.00
Under Paid Property Tax	0.01		
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year			
Property Taxes	34,605.69	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	90.00	20.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$435,344.37	\$40,790.88	\$ 11.00

DEBITS:

LEVIES OF	2003	2002	2001
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	18,314.64	15,198.71
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	4,489.26	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	0.00	2,246.70	5,914.79
TOTAL DEBITS	\$4,489.26	\$20,561.34	\$21,113.50

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:	2003	2002	2001
Redemptions	0.00	\$12,618.82	\$15,198.71
Interest & Costs Collected	0.00	2,246.70	5,914.79
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	4,489.26	5,695.82	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,489.26	\$20,561.34	\$21,113.50

Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
ORANGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Ending December 31, 2004**

Capital Reserve Fund	Beginning Balance	Added Interest	Expended	Ending Balance
Highway Equip. Account #68015516				
	\$1,089.37 - \$11,127.95 - 119.72 -			\$12,337.04
Combined Highway Account #680178.17 with this (\$11,127.95)				
Created: 4/19/01 – Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68015516				
Interest Rate: 1.53% APY: 1.55% thru 4/21/04				
New Rate: 1.39% APY: 1.40% thru 12/31/04				
Maturity Date: 4/21/05				
Highway Equip. Account #168017817				
	\$6,099.23--\$5,000.00--	\$76.68 --		\$00.00
Closed account and combined with account #68015516				
Close-out amount (11,127.95)				
Created: 3/20/02 – Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68017817				
Interest Rate: 1.54% APY: 1.55% thru 4/21/04				
Maturity Date: 4/21/04				
<u>Warrant Article #4 March 9,2004 (New Funds \$5,000.00)</u>				
Revaluation Account #68015515				
	\$21,457.22 --	\$7,000.00--\$383.37		\$28,840.59
Created: 4/19/01 – Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68015515				
Interest Rate: 1.54% APY 1.55% thru 3/22/04				
New Rate:1.54% APY 1.55% from 3/31/04				
Maturity Date: 3/25/05				
<u>Warrant Article #3, March 9,2004 (New Funds \$7,000.00)</u>				

Town House Account #68012181

\$8,539.32 -- \$2000.00--\$144.36 \$10,683.682

Created: 5/22/00– Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68012181

Interest Rate: 1.54% APY 1.55% thru 3/23/04

New Rate: 1.39% APY 1.40% from 12/31/04

Maturity Date: 3/23/05

Warrant Article #5, March 9,2004 (New Funds \$2,000.00)

Town Document Preservation Account #68021143

\$2,023.30 -- \$1,000.00 ---\$39.90 \$3,063.20

Created: 3/27/03 – Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68021143

Interest Rate: 1.54% APY 1.55% thru 3/28/04

New Rate 1.39% APY: 1.40% thru 12/31/04

Maturity Date: 3/29/05

Warrant Article #8, March 9,2004 (New Funds \$1,000)

Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi, Trustees of Trust Funds

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS FOR 2004 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE,**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRINCIPAL

Date Created	FUND	Balance 1/1/04	12/31/04
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3/27/34	Clara A. Hus	100.00	100.00
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
TOTALS		1,800.00	1,800.00

INCOME

Interest Rate: 1/01/04-12/31/04 = 2.22% APY: 2.25%

Date Created	FUND	Balance 1/1/04	Interest
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	715.69	13.58
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1,021.65	13.58
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	329.50	6.92
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	292.29	6.91
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	304.51	6.91
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	859.12	17.15
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1,017.40	17.15
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1,045.75	17.15
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	1,104.60	17.15
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	302.60	17.15
TOTALS		\$6,993.10	\$123.41

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS FOR 2004 OF THE
TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Date Created	FUND	Balance	12/31/04
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	929.27	
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1,235.23	
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	436.42	
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	399.20	
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	411.42	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	1,126.27	
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1,284.55	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1,312.89	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	1,371.75	
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	409.51	
TOTALS			\$8,916.51

Cemetery Trust Funds held in Common Trust Account
Mascoma Savings Bank, Account # 386005459
Interest Rate: 2.22% APY: 2.25% thru 12/31/04
Certificate Matures 3/02/05
Balance on 12/31/04 was \$8,9316.51

**ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND
TOWN OF ORANGE CEMETERY TRUST**

Date Created	Balance	Interest	Ending Balance
12/26/02	\$10,477.05	320.49	\$10,797.54
Funds held in Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68020124			
Interest Rate: 3.20% APY: 3.25% thru 9/18/04			
New Rate: 2.47% APY: 2.50% thru 12/31/04			
Certificate Matures: 9/23/06			
Balance on 12/31/04 was \$10,797.54			

Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi, Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK JANUARY-DECEMBER 2004

398 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$41,126.00
78 Titles	156.00
Municipal Fees	640.00
63 Dog Permits	376.50
23 Penalties	31.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Copies of Checklist	12.00
Wetland Mailings	15.57
Marriage Licenses	90.00
Total deposits	\$42,456.57

VITAL STATISTICS 2004

MARRIAGES

Matthew J. Guaraldi to Barbara A. Ells February 14, 2004

BIRTH

Ella Victoria Barrett December 1, 2003
Born To: Andrea Barrett and Scott Lurgio

AUDITOR'S REPORT
To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2004

We extend our thanks to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2004 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated.

We only have one recommendation as a result of this year's audit. We strongly suggest the Selectmen work to enforce the terms of the contract between the Police Officer and the Selectmen. Expenditures for the Police Officer should be submitted in a timelier manner. As specified in the contract, reporting to the Selectmen from the Police Officer should occur on a monthly basis.

All of the Town's accounts balanced, and no adjustments were made as a result of this years audit. In our opinion, the officer's reports accurately reflect the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine A. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange

Bruce E. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 2004

Town Hall & Land	77,400.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	93,971.00
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	41,000.00
Cemetery Department	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$227,871.00
Number of Inventories Distributed 2004	279
Appropriations Expended:	
Town	\$171,854.53
School	\$419,375.86
County	\$ 27,099.00
Other:	
Taxes bought by Town	<u>\$ 4,489.26</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$446,474.86

Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00	
Municipal	5.79
County	1.66
School	14.84
State Property	<u>3.61</u>
TOTAL	\$25.90

DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

Ada Eastman	\$25.00
Alice Smith	\$100.00
Barbara Smith	\$25.00
Beverly Ells	\$25.00
Bruce Ells	\$60.00
Carol Decato	\$1,323.50
Catherine Ells	\$60.00
Charles Sova	\$1,325.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$85.00
Edith Sova	\$125.00
Linda Giner	\$800.00
Louis Shelzi	\$100.00
Lyell Smith	\$60.00
Pat White	\$1,401.00
Robert Proulx	\$60.00
Scott Sanborn	\$1,300.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,146.00
Timothy Connelly	\$60.00
William Fulton	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
	\$9,380.50

TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

Budget Print	\$164.80
Canaan Hardware	\$6.00
Carol Decato	\$68.60
Charles Sova	\$301.23
CPI	\$148.09
Endor	\$200.00
Gnomon Copy	\$6.28
Health Officer's Assn.	\$30.00
Joel Dupuis, Reg Dds	\$95.33

McBee	\$134.55
NH Tax Collectors'	\$20.00
NH Treasurer	\$180.00
Patricia White	\$204.51
Postmaster	\$140.00
Primedia Price Digests	\$53.95
Richard Remacle	\$38.00
Robert Proulx	\$79.39
Sharon Proulx	\$91.55
Stamp Fulfillment Svcs	\$210.85
The Cardigan	\$56.00
Town Clerk Assoc.	\$20.00
USPS	<u>\$37.00</u>
	\$2,286.13

PLANNING AND ZONING

Joel Dupuis, Registrar	\$52.00
UVLSRPC	\$800.00
The Cardigan	\$32.00
Local Gov't Center	\$25.00
Robert Proulx	\$405.42
Gnomon Copy	\$339.85
Valley News	<u>\$39.00</u>
	\$1,693.27

BUILDING INSPECTION

Donald Pfaefflin	<u>\$1,061.64</u>
	\$1,061.64

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

NHEC	\$1,019.14
Canaan Hardware	\$11.69
Charles Sova	\$39.94

City of Lebanon	\$25.00
Douglas Mfg. Corp.	\$268.48
Marilyn Johnson	\$16.41
Suburban Propane	\$1,983.95
Verizon	<u>\$407.87</u>
	\$3,772.48

MEMBERSHIP

NHMA	\$519.00
NH Assessing Officials	\$20.00
UVLSRPC	<u>\$287.00</u>
	\$826.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Ware	<u>\$9,462.84</u>
	\$9,462.84

FIRE

City of Lebanon	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$25.00

REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

Arthur Morrill	\$660.00
Earls,Neider,Perkins	<u>\$4,251.00</u>
	\$4,911.00

HIGHWAYS - SUMMER

Canaan hardware	\$140.24
Evans Motor Fuels	\$536.25
Ferguson/Red Hed	\$1,222.32
Flanders and Patch	\$14,462.11
George White	\$5,643.32
Michael Joyce	\$1,240.00
Richard Remacle	\$10,175.60
Shaker Valley Auto	\$487.01
Treasurer, State of NH	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$34,906.85

HIGHWAYS - WINTER

Canaan Hardware	\$6.04
Evans Motor Fuels	\$538.63
George White	\$3,355.90
Hawkensen Equip.	\$861.60
Richard Remacle	\$33,890.37
Shaker Valley Auto	\$156.00
T&R's Inc.	\$90.10
UV Equip. Rentals	<u>\$39.00</u>
	\$38,937.64

CEMETERY

James Colburn	\$1,210.49
Joe's Equipment	\$215.30
Ed Saulen	\$679.99
William Fulton	<u>\$249.98</u>
	\$2,355.76

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Ada Eastman	\$75.00
Alice Smith	\$25.00
Barbara Smith	\$84.53
Beverly Ells	\$75.00
Carol Decato	\$78.37
Carol E. Decato	\$25.00
Charles Sova	\$25.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$75.00
Edith Sova	\$25.00
Gary Hamel	\$50.00
Keoki Johnson	\$50.00
Pat White	\$75.00
The Cardigan	\$176.00
William Fulton	<u>\$25.00</u> \$863.90

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Senior Citizens Council	\$500.00
West Central Services	\$300.00
Visiting Nurse, VT&NH	\$1,200.00
Donald Pfaefflin	\$318.50
NH Health Officers	<u>\$10.00</u> \$2,328.50

AMBULANCE

Canaan FAST Squad	<u>\$3,500.00</u> \$3,500.00
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INSURANCE

Primex	\$1,267.16
Local Gov't Center	<u>\$2,289.09</u> \$3,556.25

SOCIAL SECURITY

MSB	\$1,524.06
IRS	<u>\$897.86</u>
	\$2,421.92

LEGAL

Gardner Fulton&Waugh	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$2,000.00

SANITATION

NE Waste Services	\$17,250.15
Plymouth W&S	\$100.00
Town of Grafton	<u>\$1,150.00</u>
	\$18,500.15

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Gnomon Copy	\$103.50
Gary Hamel	<u>\$71.69</u>
	\$175.19

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Partridge Family Htg	\$3,914.00
Charles Sova	\$254.99
George White	<u>\$100.55</u>
	\$4,269.54

OTHER (ABATEMENTS, TAX LIEN PURCHASE, ETC)

ADW Builders	\$115.91
Steven Jaques	\$73.65
Clifton Wheeler	\$32.21
Town Of Canaan (Library)	\$4,000.00
Trust Fund Trustees	\$15,000.00
George Hall	\$13,567.92
Congdon-Hackman	\$1,238.63
Sharon Proulx, Tax Coll	\$4,489.26
	\$38,517.58

LOANS

Mascoma Savings Bank	<u>\$24,644.97</u>
	\$24,644.97

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

MVRSD	\$419,375.86
Grafton County	<u>\$27,099.00</u>
	\$446,474.86

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

On April 28, 2004, the Planning Board held a well-attended public hearing on the proposed 2004 Master Plan, where it was reviewed and highlighted, chapter by chapter. Those in attendance had the opportunity to express their concerns, to ask questions, and to make suggestions and recommendations. Strong support for the Master Plan was expressed by everyone who spoke. Finally, after four years of research, writing, reviewing, discussion, and fine-tuning, the Planning Board adopted the 2004 Orange Master Plan on September 22. The new master plan will provide a framework to guide the future growth and development of our community for the next decade.

Soon after its adoption in September, the Board began work on the top priority goals for implementing the 2004 Master Plan:

1. The Board has contracted with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to review all of our current ordinances and regulations to ensure that they truly foster implementation of the new master plan and that they protect the best interests of the community. The initial review, conducted by Ken McWilliams, Principal Planner at UVLSRPC, has been completed and is now being reviewed by the Board members. Eventually, the Board will identify what amendments or additions are needed to implement the recommendations of the master plan.
2. The Board is in the process of reviewing the first draft of the proposed Site Plan Review Regulations for non-residential, commercial, and multi-residential development. This goal appeared several times throughout the master

plan, and the adoption of Site Plan Review Regulations will provide another important tool to help guide the future growth and development of our community. Single-family and two-family residences will not be affected in any way by these proposed regulations since they are both permitted uses under the Orange Zoning Ordinance. An article will appear on the 2005 Town Meeting warrant to authorize the Planning Board to review site plans. We encourage the voters to support this article.

3. A Natural Resources Inventory Subcommittee has been established under the leadership of Kip Riley. Kip has recruited an enthusiastic group of committee members that includes Sal Guadagnino, Gary Hamel, Rosemary Haness, Dick Jaeger, Scott Sanborn, and Dave Stacey. Their task is to research, develop and publish a comprehensive Natural Resources Inventory that will identify our water resources, forest resources, conservation lands, prime agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, as well as our special cultural and historical resources. This detailed and mapped inventory will be used to help protect those critical resources from future development.

4. The Board is continuing its review of the first draft of the policy regarding the issuance of building permits on Class VI roads and private roads. The basic purpose of this policy will be to prevent “scattered and pre-mature development”, and to control the costly effects on municipal services that “scattered and pre-mature development” would require of the Town.

The Planning Board reviewed, held a public hearing on, and approved only one application this past year for a minor subdivision in which a 15.25 acre parcel at 10 River Road, owned by Robert and Beverly Ells, was subdivided into two lots of 11.25 acres and 4 acres.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board for their dedication and commitment to our community. And we again thank the citizens of Orange for your interest and support, and invite you to continue to help us preserve our community's vision for the future as stated in the Master Plan:

“Over the next ten years, Orange should remain a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historical resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Proulx, Chairman

ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The primary purpose of the Orange Historical Commission is to acquire, preserve, and exhibit the collection of memorabilia and historical artifacts in the Orange Historical Museum, which was established in the Bicentennial Year of 1976. A secondary goal is to maintain the Orange Town Library's original book collection.

Over the past several years, a large assortment of books had been donated to the town library by various individuals and groups. In 1992, a committee headed by former resident, Jean Baarson, who had many years of experience in library work, did an excellent job sorting through the dozens of cartons of books; keeping and cataloging those appropriate for the library collection, and packing away the discards for a future book sale. For several reasons, that book sale was never held.

This past summer, the hundreds of discarded books which had continued to accumulate and take up valuable space on the top floor were sorted and prepared for sale. At the same time, several Orange residents heard about the upcoming sale and donated hundreds more books for the sale.

A very successful book sale was held at the first annual Orange Market Day on August 14 with over 3000 paperbacks and hard cover books offered for sale. The book sale netted \$206.30, and the proceeds were used to purchase four new eight-foot folding tables for public meetings and community events at the Town House.

The hundreds of unsold books were donated to the Canaan Town Library for its book sale held last September during the Canaan Town Wide Yard Sale. However, about forty unsold books with a higher monetary value were retained by the Commission to be sold at the second annual Orange Market Day next August.

In preparation for the Orange Market Day, volunteers thoroughly cleaned all three floors of the Town House, and the museum and library were reorganized on the top floor.

One of the goals of the new 2004 Master Plan is to “Continue to maintain, improve, and promote the Orange Historical Museum, and encourage area residents to contribute local memorabilia to the collection.” This is an ideal time to revitalize the Orange Historical Commission. Presently, there is not a complete slate of members on the five-member Historical Commission. If you are interested in serving on the Commission, please contact Sharon Proulx at 523-4590.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Proulx, Chairperson

ROAD AGENT REPORT

To the residents of Orange: This past year we did not get a lot of snow . We did have many nuisance storms which required that the roads be scraped and sanded frequently.

Due to the severe cold experienced through January and February we had many frozen culverts around town There was one bad washout on Tuttle Hill Road in early spring that had to be

dealt with until it could be fixed. Remacle Construction was able to put in a new culvert and repair the road.

Roads were graded and raked in late spring and fall. Potholes were filled throughout the year. The Town used 400 yards of gravel on various roads in Town. Many exposed rocks were removed at this time.

Weather conditions throughout the year were not ideal. Many rain and wind storms caused limbs and trees to fall. This year trees were trimmed on all roads.

Shoulder stone was put down on New Colony Road. The stone was provided by Pike Industries as part of the completion of his contract.

The culvert replacement program is going into the third year now. We plan to replace or extend four or five culverts again in 2005.

Andy Ware, Chief of Police, completed the forms for a Grant from FEMA for returns of excessive monies spent cleaning up after a large snow storm in December. I want to thank Andy as I have no idea how this is done.

Finally, we continued to have trouble with the Town truck. throughout the spring. The end result was, a new motor had to be put in the truck. It has been better but, requires constant care.

I would like to thank the Town's people that helped to keep the roadsides clean. I would also like to thank Richard Remacle and his men for their assistance in keeping the roadway clear this winter, without their expertise we would be in big trouble.

Respectfully Submitted

George White

Road Agent

MARY RICKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

For the year 2004

In 1993, a scholarship fund was started to honor Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about out town – past, present or future and to serve two hours of community service.

We have awarded 11 scholarships thus far. The 2004 recipients were James Cross and Josh Watson. James helped at the recycling center and Josh worked with the cemetery agent brush cutting and cleaning up.

To raise money for scholarships, we held the 5th annual dinner before the Town Meeting in March. It was an Italian dinner and greatly enjoyed by all. May 1st saw the first Chili Cook-off on a Cinco de Mayo night and a huge crowd turned out for a wonderful evening. The night was shared with the ORCA team and a sum of money was donated to the Canaan Elementary School Destination Imagination Team on behalf of Marcello Shelzi, one of the team members. His team won the regional and State competitions and then competed on the national level in Knoxville, Tennessee. On June 19th, we held a book sale at the Town House. The majority of books were donated from the Jo Moulton collection. Bob and Sharon Proulx graciously handled the leftovers, along with what was culled from the old town library, at the Mercado Day Sale in August. The proceeds benefited the Town House with new tables.

Our activities are growing and becoming more diverse and interesting. We are open to new ideas, participants, and donations as always. We currently have \$3,165.00 in our account and are striving to increase the scholarship fund.

As we begin our 11th year, we would like to thank the residents of the Town of Orange for rallying behind us and making these scholarships possible. Thank you to all who helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Watson, Barbara Smith, Gary Hamel, Marilyn Johnson
Town of Orange Scholarship Committee

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2004

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire

season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS
(all fires reported thru November 18, 2004)

TOTALS BY COUNTY CAUSE OF FIRE REPORTED

	# of fires	Acres +/-		
Belknap	60	4.86	Arson	15
Carroll	55	8.79	Campfire	41
Cheshire	14	10.3	Children	12
Coos	11	4.7	Smoking	19
Grafton	74	77.04	Debris	201
Hillsborough	60	11.34	Railroad	1
Merrimack	103	18.45	Lightning	5
Rockingham	26	25.02	Equipment	5
Strafford	28	3.94	Misc*	163
Sullivan	3	2.03	(*misc: powerlines, fireworks,elect. Fences, etc.)	

TOTAL FIRES & ACRES

2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountain (RSVP) . Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2004, 14 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- * Older adults from Orange enjoyed 410 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- * **They received 266 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.**
- * Orange residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 81 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- * They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 62 visits by a trained social worker.
- * Orange's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 306.25 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2004 was \$5,982.29

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

UPPER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.

Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.

Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continues to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.

Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley

Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.

Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment, trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, parking needs and traffic circulation.

Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee

Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education of household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.

Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for several more communities in the coming year; assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.

Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.

Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic date to communities, residents and businesses on request.

Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to

improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to reduce commuter traffic.

Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.

Continues emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bi-monthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshops, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.

Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.

Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; stormwater management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.

Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.

Developed new website – www.uvlsrpc.org – to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at tbamford@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director

Town Meeting Minutes
Orange, NH
March 9, 2004

Daniel Hazelton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He explained the rules of the meeting. He proceeded to read the Town Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 2004, at eleven o'clock a.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. unless the Meeting votes to extend the time.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote 1 Moderator, 1 Town Clerk for one year, 1 Town Treasurer for one year, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Cemetery Agent for one year, 1 Cemetery Trustee for two years, 1 Cemetery Trustee for three years, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent for 1 year, 1 Tax collector for one year, 1 Health Officer for one year, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, 1 Deeding Agent for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for two years, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and any other officers required by law.
The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article moved by Scott Sanborn and seconded by Frank Giner. No discussion. Article voted and passes.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seven thousand dollars(\$7,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for said purpose.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE)

Article 3 moved by Charles Sova and seconded by Bob Ells.

Discussion. Earls, Neider & Perkins, LLC of Pembroke, NH is the firm selected to undertake a complete revaluation of the town and will be finished by April 2005. Article voted and passes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

Article moved by Charles Sova, seconded by Frank Giner. Article voted and passes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE) article moved by Bob Ells and seconded by Tim Connelly. Discussion. It was mentioned that the stove in the kitchen is no longer working and could we use this money to buy a new one. Bob Proulx said this fund was intended to put money aside for future emergencies that may come about and the Town may not have the money to do the job, like a new roof or something major, and this fund would help for that.

Article moved and passes.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$27,084.63 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 7. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

Moved by Charles Sova and seconded by Don Pfaefflin. Article passes.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,197.44 for the town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE) Moved by Scott Sanborn and seconded by William Fulton. Discussion.

Bob Proulx suggested it would be a good time to hear from the two committees, the salary committee, and the police committee to see if they had any recommendations before the budget is passed.

Richard Jaeger talked about the report submitted by the committee in the Town Report. The committee came up with two possible solutions:

1. Pursue a formal arrangement for coverage with a nearby town that has an established Police Department with a larger staff. Issue: Do the residents of Orange want emergency coverage and extreme situation support only or regular patrolling as well?
2. Pursue teaming with other small towns nearby with police coverage similar to what Orange has now so additional trained officers are available for assistance and back up when situations call for it.

The committee feels that Andy needs backup in order to do his job better. Committee would like to know what the Town would like to do, how much do we want to spend and what direction should the Committee take. The committee also felt Andy should have a place where he can keep his records, make phone calls and maybe keep a computer available for the work he does for the Town. It was brought up again that the Town needs a more accountable means to know what Andy is doing monthly, he needs to submit more timely bills. The Town would like the Committee to continue evaluating the coverage and possibilities for the Police Department in Orange. Since no change in the budget seems likely at this time, Dan suggested we table this discussion until Article 13. Jim Collins from the salary committee said that would be a good time also to discuss that committee's findings.

Article 7 the budget is voted on and passes.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

Moved by Charles Sova seconded by Tom Rock. Discussion. Scott Sanborn said the Selectmen are still looking into possibilities, grant money may be available, as restoration could be around \$3,000 per book. Article voted and passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of providing library services to town residents at the Canaan Town Library. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

Move by Scott Sanborn and seconded by Betty Fulton. Discussion. Question was asked if we had to pay to use the library, there is no charge at this time, but the Town of Canaan is looking for help to defray some of their costs of running the library. Orange use is about 5.6% of the library use, which is about 80 adult and children from Orange use the library. Article passes.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Elderly and Handicapped Day Care Support Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of donating to a planned private not-for-profit organization providing day care services to area residents and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for said purpose.

(NOT RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE) Moved by Bob Proulx seconded by Dick Jaeger. Discussion. It was the consensuses that they're was not enough information from Roy Chapman on what was really happening, and what was going to happen to make this Day Care be supported by the state etc.

Article is defeated.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be paid into the Elderly and Handicapped Day Care Support Capital Reserve Fund. (NOT RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) (NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE) Moved by Richard Jaeger seconded by Frank Giner. Question moved, Article defeated.

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

Report was given by Jim Collins on the Salary Committee. The Committee feels they need more information and more comparing to get a better idea of what should be brought forth to the Town.

They felt the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer jobs especially, need more review on the compensation they receive. It was recommended that the Committee do further study and then prepare their report for the Budget Committee at an early enough time for preparation for next year's budget.

Danny closed the polls for voting at 8:04pm.

There was more discussion on the Police report and the direction that Committee should take to follow up with recommendations for next year.

A magnetic sign for the Chief's car was recommended for more recognition that it is a police car. It was also suggested, that maybe Andy could use a secretary to help with his paper work and to help get bills ready on time.

It was also suggested that the Chiefs salary be broken down more in the Town Report with FICA taxes shown separate also.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

Charles Sova presented to Carol Decato from the Towns people and Gary Hamel a painting done by Gary, for her 12 years of service as Selectmen for the Town. (Carol was very surprised and appreciated the thoughtfulness of the Town and Gary, for the painting Daylilies.)

ORCA (Orange, Recreation, Cultural and Art Association)

Several planned Orange fun dates:

April 3: Readings and signing of newly published book The Last Best League by James Collins.

May 1: Chili cook off, proceeds for the Orange Town Scholarship Fund.

June 5: Work day for the Town gardens and Town House and a pot luck dinner.

July 4: Town hike to top of Mt. Cardigan.

August 14: Town Market and Wares Sale.

Other dates to follow.

One year photo shoot to cover all seasons, all scenes, of the Town of Orange. A contest for the best photo's for entries into a calendar to follow for sale the following year, proceeds for the Scholarship fund. Winners will be chosen.

ARTICLE 14: Town meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Minutes by Carol Decato

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